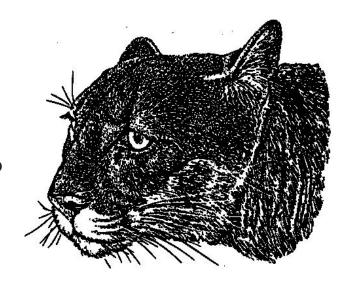
Sleeping Bear Dunes
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## You Are A Visitor In Cougar Habitat

There have been recent cougar sightings near this area. To see a cougar can be a thrilling experience. Cougars, however, deserve your respect! You are unlikely to see a cougar, but it is wise to know how to behave should you encounter one. Cougars are tawny-colored with black-tipped ears and tail. Adults are 5 - 8 feet long from nose to the end of a long tail.



## If you encounter a cougar:

- -Remain calm DO NOT RUN.
- -Pick up small children immediately.
- -Stand up and spread your arms to make yourself look big.
- -Maintain eye contact, back away slowly.
- -If approached, wave your arms, shout, and throw sticks or rocks.
- -If attacked, fight back aggressively.
- -Do not approach a cougar.

## Please consider these precautions when hiking in this area:

- -Keep your dog on a leash.
- -Keep children next to you when hiking.
- -Travel in groups whenever possible.

## **Protect Wildlife By Protecting Yourself!**

Please report any encounter to the National Park Service. Call: 231-326-5134. The cougar is a state-listed endangered species fully protected by law.